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*The Mission of Southern Local Schools is to provide a quality, child centered education where all students can succeed.*

## REVIEW OF CHANGES AT SOUTHERN LOCAL AS WE ENTER THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

**Scott Christman, Superintendent**

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year at Southern Local Schools. Last year was a unique experience, to say the least, for all of us and I'd like to thank everyone from the community and school district for the hard work, dedication and understanding it took to make it as successful as possible. This year we hope to be back closer to normal while still being as safe as possible. We will be back on our regular five school day per week schedule and will return to our normal school day and hours. However, we expect to have the following guidelines and requirements in place as we start the year:

- The 1st day for students is Thursday, August 19, 2021
- Our District Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18 (5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)
- Masks will be required for all students while traveling via school transportation
- Masks are strongly recommended for students and staff while in the buildings
- We will continue the cleaning and disinfecting procedures that we had in place last school year
- We will continue social distancing
- There will be no remote learning option for students this year

*At any time, this information could be updated or changed as necessary.

As we begin this new school year my hope is that we can once again all work together to have another successful year. Thank you, and Go Falcons!

### New Staff

Abigail Nilsen-7-8 English Teacher
Amy Dunn-1st Grade Teacher
Heidi Richards- PS Intervention Specialist
James Mee -7-12 Intervention Specialist
Joshua Carroll- 7-12 Music/Band
Maisy Breese- ES Intervention Teacher
Mercedes Kimble- Student Wellness Specialist
Thaddeus Fields- Director of Student Services

### New Coaches

Amanda Bice- JH High Cheerleading Coach
Bruce Block- JV Boys Basketball Coach
Dominic Scott- Head Football Coach
Lacey Alexander- JH Volleyball Coach
Luke Richards- Assistant Football Coach
Makayla Alexander- JH Volleyball Coach
Ryan Walter Varsity- Volleyball Coach
Sandy Greenich- Varsity Cheerleading Coach
Tori North- JV Volleyball Coach
Lauren Kerekes- Trainer

### REMINDERS ON STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK-UP

**At the high school**, parents will be permitted to use the student parking lot entrance nearest the high school building, drop off their child at the curb side nearest the SIDE DOOR that opens to the student parking lot, and then exit through the student parking lot at the exit nearest the stadium. Parents picking up high school students in the afternoon will have to park in the top row of the student parking lot nearest State Route 155, and wait for their child to walk to their vehicle.

**At the elementary**, parents will be permitted to pull in at the entrance leading to the high school loop nearest the elementary school parking lot, drop your child off at the curb in front **of the buses** NEAR THE MUSIC ROOM ENTRANCE, and exit through the high school loop at the first exit near the high school student parking lot. Parents needing to enter the elementary at the beginning of the day will need to park in the lot across the street and walk to the elementary. **At pick up time in the afternoon**, parents will not be permitted to hang out in the building near the

elementary office. Parents should park in the high school student parking lot in the row nearest State Route 155 and your child will be monitored as he/she walks to your car to be picked up. Parents desiring to get approval for students to be picked up by them after school or to change their bus for the evening, **must call the elementary office by 2:50 p.m. daily.** Students that do not have a note from home or a parent call by 2:50 p.m. will be transported home by bus. For parents that will pick-up and drop-off their students on a daily basis, you need to turn in a note stating that you will be doing so for the school year. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We are trying to make our drop-off and pick-up as safe as possible for students.

## BUS ROUTES

We will continue to consolidate and eliminate some bus routes and stops whenever possible. This may require some students to have to walk a little further to catch their bus. These routing changes that we make are in accordance with our being compliant with recommendations that we have received from the Ohio Department of Education Transportation Division. I would like to emphasize to vehicle drivers to obey traffic safety laws and to drive safely and cautiously around school buses.

## DISTRICT-WIDE CALLING AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

For those who are new to our District, a system was implemented a few years ago which the District uses to notify all staff and the parents of students who are enrolled in Southern Local Schools of 2-hour delays, school closings, emergency situations, sporting event cancellations and general information. 2-hour delays and closings will still be announced on local television channels. This system provides a much quicker relay of information to you. **If you are not receiving these calls, NEED TO CHANGE OR REMOVE A NUMBER, or if you wish to have your name and number removed, call Keista Wickham in the District Office @ (740) 721-0520.**

## PLAN A FOR CALAMITY DAYS

As a reminder to parents, we have a "Plan A" alternate bus route system to deal with inclement weather. These plans will be distributed to students to bring home, put on the website and put in the Perry County Tribune. Please save to refer to if a Plan A is called.

## Special Education Department

Southern Local would like to welcome a new Director of Special Education, Thaddeus Fields. Thaddeus has been an administrator for six years. He is married to Sally, a first-grade teacher. They have four children: Jordyn 12, Elias 9, Kaylyn 8 and Calvin 4. Thaddeus is from both Meigs and Perry county. He is familiar with the area and will settle in nicely with our students, staff and community. He's very excited to be working close to his hometown of New Lexington and is looking forward to being a Falcon for a long time.

## MILLER HIGH SCHOOL

Kera Hill

Miller High School is seeking the support of the community. We are asking local business owners and organizations to purchase advertisement space in this year's yearbook which will be distributed next August. The cost of advertisement space is as follows:

| Ad Sizes | Cost |
|---|---|
| 1/8 Ad Business Card Size | $25.00 |
| ¼ Page | $50.00 |
| ½ Page | $100.00 |
| 1 Full Page | $200.00 |
| If interested in an ad space please contact Kera Hill at 740-721-0521 or kera.hill@southernlocal.org | |

## MILLER HIGH SCHOOL / KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM

Kera Hill

Miller High School has partnered with Kroger's Community Rewards. A portion of each sale made at Kroger will be donated to our school to help with the cost of paying for yearbooks.

### To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

Visit http://www.kroger.com. Once logged into their Kroger account you can search for MILLER HIGH SCHOOL either by name or **LT512** and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

*Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to your organization.

*If you do not yet have a Kroger rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

## SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS/AIDES

Southern Local School District is looking for qualified substitute teachers and Aides. Teachers must have a Bachelor's Degree. **Teacher pay is $110.00 a day**. Aides must pass ParaPro exam or hold Associate Degree. Contact Keista Wickham District Office (740) 721-0520.

## BUS DRIVERS ARE NEEDED

Southern Local Schools has an opening for a fulltime school bus driver. The position does include benefits. We also need several sub bus drivers. For information on training requirements or questions contact the Southern Local bus garage at 740-394-2768 or 740-721-0520 choose the transportation department.

## SAFE SCHOOLS HELPLINE

There are occasionally times when students or parents would like to provide information to a school but hesitate because they do not want their identities known. Providing open, direct communication with the community has long been a basic practice for Southern Local. The Board of Education now offers The Safe School Helpline, another method to allow parents and the community to provide input for our school.

Whether it is a student who fears being called a "snitch" or "narc" by peers, or a resident who worries about vandalism in retaliation for reporting a crime, possession or use of drugs or alcohol, reckless driving, or any other illegal activity, Safe School Helpline provides a solution.

The Safe School Helpline utilizes a unique, automated telephone service which allows callers to report an allegation, concern, or suggestion confidentially and anonymously. He or she is never asked to give a name. The voice message is typed then faxed to school officials. In this way, no one except an operator hears the voice. Calls are made through a toll-free number.

Each call is assigned a case number. The caller can then call back to the Helpline to check the school's progress on the call or to provide more information. A caller may make a report 24 hours a day and the schools will be notified the next school day. Ordinarily, the principal of the school, where the alleged offense occurred, will investigate. Should a crime such as drug trafficking or possession of a weapon be reported, the superintendent will be notified immediately, day or night, and he can contact the police department. As with any allegation against a student or staff member, no public action would be taken until guilt is proven.

# Title I Notices

## PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW

Parents have the right to know about the teaching qualifications of your child's classroom teacher in a school receiving Title I funds. Teachers in Title I funded buildings must meet the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for their respective grade level and subject area. Federal regulations that any local school district receiving Title I funds must notify parents that they may ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher.

### Parents have the right to know:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and has a license for the grade level and the subject area he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher has an emergency or provisional license
- What degrees the teacher holds and the field of discipline of his or her certification or degree
- Whether the child is being taught by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

## TITLE I PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT COMPACT/PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Southern Local School District is dedicated to the success of every student. It is our responsibility to partner with parents, and the community. We also work to empower each child to achieve his or her fullest potential to become a lifelong learner. We make the commitment to motivate, to challenge, and to inspire each other to become the best we possibly can be. To accomplish this, parents, teachers, and students need to work together. We ask that you read over this partnership agreement with your child.

## STUDENT CHECKLIST

As a student, I will strive to:
Follow bus rules;
Return my homework completed on time;
Follow school rules;
Believe that I can learn;
Always try to do my best in my work and my behavior;
Show respect for myself, my school, and other people;
Come to school prepared with my homework and supplies; and
Attend school regularly.

## TEACHER CHECKLIST

As a teacher, I will strive to:
Provide a safe and caring environment where your child will be encouraged to become an active learner;
Follow the curriculum designed for your child;
Believe that each child can learn;
Attend school functions;
Maintain open lines of communication with students and parents;
Keep you informed of your child's progress on a frequent basis;
Help you with ways to help your child at home;
Document on-going assessment of your child's academic progress;
Help your child follow the school and classroom rules; and
Seek ways to involve parents in the school program.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN CHECKLIST

As a Parent/Guardian, I will strive to:
Believe my child can learn;
Attend at least one (1) parent / teacher conference;
Show respect and support for my child, the staff, and the school;
Read with my child at home;
Check my child's book bag daily for information from school;
See that my child attends school regularly and is on time;
Talk with my child about his/her school activities each day;
Attend at least two (2) school functions
Volunteer once schools return to normal functioning

For more information please contact your principal or email Federal Program Coordinator Kim Jones (kim.jones@southernlocal.org).

**2021 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

| Date | Time | H/A | Opponent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 08/09/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | South Gallia |
| 08/20/2021 | 730PM | A | Beallsville |
| 08/27/2021 | 7:00 PM | H | Trimble |
| 09/03/2021 | 7:00 PM | A | Fed Hock |
| 09/10/2021 | 7:00 PM | H | Worthington Christian |
| 09/18/2021 | 7:00 PM | A | Millersport |
| 09/24/2021 | 7:00 PM | A | Berne |
| 10/01/2021 | 7:00 PM | H | GCC |
| 10/08/2021 | 7:00 PM | H | Fisher |
| 10/15/2021 | 7:00 PM | A | FCA |
| 10/22/2021 | 7:00 PM | H | Rosecrans |

**2021 MILLER 7th/8th FOOTBALL**

| Date | Time | H/A | Opponent |
|---|---|---|---|
| 08/30/2021 | 5:00 PM | H | Rosecrans |
| 09/07/2021 | 5:00 PM | H | Worthington Christian |
| 09/16/2021 | 5:00 PM | A | Trimble |
| 09/20/2021 | 5:00 PM | A | Berne |
| 09/27/2021 | 5:00 PM | H | GCC |
| 10/04/2021 | 5:00 PM | H | Fisher |
| 10/11/2021 | 5:00 PM | A | FCA |
| 10/14/2021 | 530pm | A | Alex |

**2021 7th/8th & Var/JV VOLLEYBALL**

| Date | Time | H/A | Opponent | Teams Playing |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 08/11/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | Nelsonville | XXX |
| 08/12/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | Fed Hock | X |
| 08/14/2021 | 10:00 AM | A | Bloom Carroll | X |
| 08/17/2021 | 6:00 PM | A | Eastern | XXX |
| 08/18/2021 | 6:00 PM | A | Alexander | X |
| 08/24/2021 | 6:00 PM | A | Wellston | X |
| 08/26/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | Shenandoah | X |
| 08/28/2021 | 11:00 AM | H | Crooksville | X |
| 08/30/2021 | 6:00 PM | A | Waterford | X |
| 08/31/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | FCA | XX |
| 09/04/2021 | 11:00 AM | A | GCC | XX |
| 09/07/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | Fisher | XXX |
| 09/09/2021 | 6:00 PM | A | Berne | XXX |
| 09/11/2021 | 11:00 AM | H | Philo | X |
| 09/14/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | Rosecrans | XX |
| 09/15/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | Southern | X |
| 09/16/2021 | 5:00 PM | A | Millersport | XX |
| 09/21/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | Harvest Prep | XXX |
| 09/23/2021 | 5:00 PM | A | FCA | XX |
| 09/25/2021 | 11:00 AM | H | GCC | XX |
| 09/27/2021 | 6:00 PM | A | Fed Hock | XXX |
| 09/29/2021 | 6:00 PM | A | Southern | X |
| 09/30/2021 | 5:00 PM | A | Fisher | XX |
| 10/05/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | Berne | XXX |
| 10/7/2021 | 5:00 PM | A | Rosecrans | XXX |
| 10/12/2021 | 6:00 PM | H | Millersport | XX |
| 10/14/2021 | 6:00 PM | A | Harvest Prep | XXX |

X-JV/VAR ONLY
XX= VAR/JV and 1 JRH TEAM
XXX=ALL Teams

**2021 MILLER GOLF**

| Date | Time | Opponent |
|---|---|---|
| 08/11/2021 | 9:00 AM | Westchester |
| 08/28/2021 | 1:30PM | Turnberry |
| 09/22/2021 | 9:00 AM | Denison |

# SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
# 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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|---|---|---|---|
| Aug | 16 – 18 | | Staff Inservice/Teacher Orientation |
| Aug | 19 | Thursday | First Day for Students |
| Sept | 6 | Monday | LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL |
| Oct | 14 | Thursday | STAFF INSERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL |
| Oct | 15 | Friday | NO SCHOOL |
| Nov | 24 | Wednesday | PARENT TEACHER CONF. NO SCHOOL |
| Nov | 25 – 29 | | THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL |
| Nov | 30 | Tuesday | School Resumes |
| Dec | 20 – Jan 2 | | WINTER HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL |
| Jan | 3 | Monday | STAFF INSERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL |
| Jan | 4 | Tuesday | School Resumes |
| Jan | 17 | Monday | MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - NO SCHOOL |
| Feb | 21 | Monday | PRESIDENTS DAY - NO SCHOOL |
| Mar | 17 | Thursday | STAFF INSERVICE DAY - NO SCHOOL |
| Mar | 18 | Friday | NO SCHOOL |
| April | 15 | Friday | GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL |
| April | 18 | Monday | PARENT TEACHER CONF. – NO SCHOOL |
| April | 19 – 20 | | SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL |
| May | 25 | Wednesday | Last day for Students |
| May | 26 | Thursday | Last day for Teachers |
| May | 30 | Monday | MEMORIAL DAY – NO SCHOOL |

Evening Conferences - First Semester - HS: 9/23, 9/30 EL: 10/28, 11/4
Second Semester - HS: 2/17, 2/24 EL: 3/24, 3/31